



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Parks Make Life Better!"

John Wicker, Acting Director

November 3, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF
THE COASTAL SAGE SCRUB PROJECT
AT FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK TO BE PERFORMED BY
MILLENNIUM-DIAMOND ROAD PARTNERS, LLC
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the donation of a coastal sage scrub planting and monitoring project, valued at approximately \$202,593, at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park from Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, on behalf of the County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the Bonelli Park Coastal Sage Scrub Project at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to execute any documents necessary for the completion of the proposed project, including a performance bond agreement with Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, to install, maintain, and monitor coastal sage scrub plantings at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, and to accept the donated value of the project valued at approximately \$202,593 on behalf of the County.
3. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, in form similar to the attached draft letter, for its generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to enter into any necessary agreements with Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC (Millennium) to implement the proposed Bonelli Park Coastal Sage Scrub Project (Project) at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park (Bonelli Park), and to accept the donation of the improvements to the County. The entirety of the Project will be done at no cost to the County.

The Project originated as a mitigation measure mandated by the City of Diamond Bar (City), associated with the environmental impacts of the City's Tentative Tract Map 53430. Millennium is required by the City to provide for both on-site and off-site mitigation to satisfy the habitat mitigation requirement for Millennium's 80-acre, 48-lot single family residential development.

Bonelli Park provides the best location for Millennium's off-site mitigation due to the park's proximity to the City and the appropriateness of the plantings with respect to existing conditions in the park. The County bears no responsibility for any aspect of the City's off-site mitigation requirement, including, but not limited to, planting, irrigation, maintenance, and planting replacement, nor for achieving any of the performance standards within a maximum establishment period of five years. A letter from the City to this effect is attached (Attachment I). Millennium's biological monitor will manage the Project and coordinate with Bonelli Park's Park Superintendent as needed.

The Project, valued by Millennium at approximately \$202,593, consists of planting native coastal sage scrub species, installation of temporary irrigation system, erosion and pest control, weed abatement, maintenance, and site clean-up. The Project also includes a five-year implementation plan for a period of three years followed by an additional two years of maintenance without additional water to allow the plants to become established. The irrigation design and planting is subject to the approval of the Park Superintendent.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by accepting a donation that improves a County park and benefits the people of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The Project will be completed at the sole cost and expense of Millennium and guaranteed through the provision of Surety Bond(s) to be held by the County for both the implementation and maintenance of the Project. At Project completion, the estimated donation value to the County will be approximately \$202,593.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended action will have no fiscal impact to the Regional Facilities Agency. The Department anticipates no ongoing operating costs as a result of Millennium's proposed Project. The Project will be completed at the sole cost and expense of Millennium and guaranteed through the provision of Surety Bonds(s) to be held by the County for both the implementation and maintenance of the Project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, which consists of planting of native coastal sage scrub species, installation of temporary irrigation system, erosion and pest control, weed abatement, maintenance and site clean-up, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (d) and 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(a) and 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves construction of new utility extensions and new landscaping.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at Bonelli Park. Activities required to complete the work will be scheduled to ensure that there are no negative impacts on patron services or scheduled events.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, for its generous donation, in a form similar to the attached draft letter (Attachment II), to:

Stanley Cheung, Principal
Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC
2707 South Diamond Bar Boulevard, Suite 202
Diamond Bar, California 91765.

Should you have any questions, please contact Diane Thorne at (213) 351-5128 or dthorne@parks.lacounty.gov, Joan Rupert at (213) 351-5117 or jrupert@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER
Acting Director

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Attachments

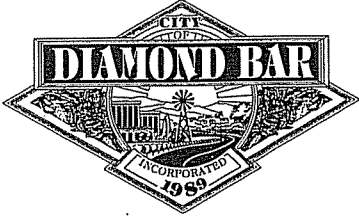
c: Chief Executive Officer
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Attachment I

City of Diamond Bar

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December 30, 2014

Ms. Kathline King, AICP, LEED AP
Chief of Planning
Planning Division-Environmental and Regulatory Permitting
County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
510 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

**RE: Draft Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat Mitigation Plan for Tentative Tract
Map No. 53430**

Dear Ms. King:

In accordance with the project-specific Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Mitigation Measures for the Biological Resources, the applicant has prepared Habitat Mitigation Plan (HMP) entitled *Draft Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat Mitigation Plan, Tentative Tract Map No. 53430, Diamond Bar, California* (dated November 11, 2014). The HMP define appropriate mitigation program requirements to address the project's impacts to coastal sage scrub habitat.

The HMP specifically recognize off-site mitigation area in a natural open space area within Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park. The HMPs do not specify any long-term preservation requirements for the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park site and the City of Diamond Bar will not require any additional long-term preservation measures beyond performance bonds by the project developer for the habitat installation phase and the 5-year maintenance and monitoring phase at that location.

The City of Diamond Bar has reviewed the above-referenced mitigation plan and determines that they fully satisfy all of the requirements of the pertinent Mitigation Measure described in the EIR, specifically MM 3.3-4.

Sincerely,

Grace S. Lee
Senior Planner

cc: David Hughes, BonTerra Psomas
Stanley Cheung/Tiffany Cheung, Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC

Steve Tye
Mayor

Nancy A. Lyons
Mayor Pro Tem

Carol Herrera
Council Member

Jack Tanaka
Council Member

ATTACHMENT II

SAMPLE DONATION LETTER

(DATE)

Stanley Cheung, Principal
Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC
2707 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard, Suite 202
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Mr. Cheung:

DONATION

At its meeting held on _____, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the generous donation of the Coastal Sage Scrub Planting Project, valued at approximately \$202,593, at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park.

This donation of coastal sage scrubs will improve the native habitat of the area and restore the natural habitat of the area. We appreciate your effort to help improve the natural habitat at Frank G. Bonelli Park.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Patrick Ogawa
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors